Town of Agawam

Supplemental Town Report and Report

of the

FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the 1957

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MARCH 2, 1957

10:00 A. M.

Please Bring This Report With You to the Town Meeting.

Report of the Finance Committee

The work of preparing the annual Finance Committee report has shown us that, in spite of the seemingly endless meetings, much of the town's budget is beyond our power to reduce. We are concerned with the burden of taxes on many of our townspeople, but still we are proud of our accomplishments in the areas where there is opportunity for judgement and are happy to have made some contribution to a sound operating budget.

We appreciate the cooperation of the many departments who have presented minimum requests and complete facts on which these requests have been based. We respect the opinions of town meeting members and recognize that the differences of opinions that develop at town meetings are actually different interpretations on the same facts.

Since the school cost problem apparently will be with us for years, we strongly urge that other problems and improvements should not be delayed indefinitely and our recommendation for 1957 both in the Budget and special articles include some steps for better community living. To eliminate special articles that relate to accepted operational expenses of the town, we have added items 125 to 133 in the Town Budget under article 7.

The Town Budget of $2,041,530 includes $1,322,991 for schools, bond debt payments, pensions and welfare, items over which the Finance Committee has little control. This leaves less than $720,000 as the portion of the budget for operating town services, and it is within this relatively small amount we have worked to control expenses.

The rather staggering increase of approximately $300,000 in the 1957 town budget over 1956 appropriation is from:

Dept.	Increase
Schools	$176,473
School Debt	36,704
Public Works Division	32,386
Police	15,537
Street Lights	10,000
Fire	8,781
Other Debt Financing	5,000
All Other Departments	11,505

No provision has been made in our estimates for additional firemen required if the town approves the 48 hour week.

WE STRONGLY URGE THAT TWO RECOMMENDATIONS BE FOLLOWED BY THE VOTERS

SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

"The School Board's budget is unique, in that it cannot be effectively sliced by any other authority. If the fat is not removed by the school committeemen, and if unessential items are not pruned by the committee itself, then it is almost impossible for anyone else to do the boiling down or the cutting.

Statutes made the School Committee practically a law unto itself, and so place a special responsibility on the members of that board. They must give the fullest consideration to every item on the budget, and make certain that the final draft which they submit will assure the taxpayers of the best service at the lowest cost." (Editorial excerpt from Springfield Daily News 12-26-46.)

Although the statutory provisions are inconsistent with democratic town government, the School Committee must realize that every expenditure affects the financial status of every taxpayer and the credit standing of the town of Agawam. When one department's budget and related expense is in excess of 59% of the entire town's budget, there must be recognition that the department has more control over the tax rate than any town finance committee. Even allowing for the various forms of state aid to schools, the net school expense is over 45% of the budget. We do not suggest curtailment of essential educational processes regardless of cost. Neither do we suggest elimination of any planned repairs, for building repairs when properly made are a saving and prevent increased cost.

However, it is inconceivable that savings on such specific items as repairs, heat, electricity and transportation should be used for other school purposes instead of reverting to the town. Therefore, we are recommending appropriation of these items separately. The balance of the School Committee's request is grouped together so that they will have administrative freedom to make operational changes and efficiencies. We expect it may be necessary to make a minor transfer between catagories later in the year, but any change in directional spending will require an explanation to the town meeting members. This approach

to a limited segregated budget is not unique in the state and appears to be an approach on which the School Committee and the taxpayers could experiment in Agawam in 1957.

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY FUNDS

For the past few years the town has used all except $75,000 to $100,000 of the excess and deficiency fund to partially offset annual meeting appropriations. During this period, we had a fairly large amount in overlay reserve for additional emergency needs. However, 1956 saw these two funds practically eliminated by emergency school building and operation deficits, snow removal costs, and other miscellaneous appropriations. A town with a two million dollar budget will have emergency needs in 1957 as well. We do not expect another $167,000 group of emergency appropriations this year. But certainly it is unwise to have a reserve fund of less than $125,000 to cover unforseen expenses including the many still unsettled land takings and perhaps even further school land taking. We, therefore, recommend that transfers for 1957 annual meeting appropriations be not more than $93,935.87.

Balance available for town use 1/1/56		$243,335.60
1956 Transfers:		
To reduce 1956 tax rate	$162,835.60	
Special meeting transfers	72,964.96	
		235,800.56
Available balance carried into 1957		7,535.04
Jan. 1, 1957 balance carry over and 1956 receipts		297,637.95
Less:		
Uncollected taxes		79,242.08
Balance available for town use 1/1/57		218,395.87
Recommended special transfers	$ 69,244.21	
Recommended transfer (1957 tax rate)	24,151.66	
		93,395.87
Balance for future use		$125,000.00

1/1/56 Overlay Reserve $98,954.94

1/1/57 Overlay Reserve $30,578.62

COMPARISON OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES
1956 ACTUAL AND 1957 RECOMMENDED

A number of requests have been made in recent years as to what part of the town Budget applies to salary and wages, and how the appropriation is divided between different departments. To segregate and list all expenses would result in a rather complicated tabulation. Therefore the following tabulation shows only payroll expense separated from department budgets.

	Salary & Wages		All Other		Total	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
Accounting	$ 5,471	$ 6,338	$ 481	$ 525	$ 5,952	$ 6,863
Assessors	12,038	12,776	1,724	1,850	13,762	14,626
Board of Appeals	370	500	29	100	399	600
Building Inspector	4,887	4,998	921	975	5,808	5,973
Bus. Development			59	500	59	500
Cemeteries			966	1,422	966	1,422
Civil Defense	519	600	2,985	2,400	3,504	3,000
Collector	10,071	11,600	2,939	2,990	13,010	14,590
Debt & Interest			200,782	242,504	200,782	242,504
Election & Regis.	4,586	2,800	2,268	1,500	6,854	4,300
Electrical Inspector	1,500	1,500	298	400	1,798	1,900
Fire Dept.	57,295	68,010	7,863	9,123	65,158	77,133
Forestry	4,323	6,000	5,848	5,350	10,171	11,350
Gypsy Moth	500	500			500	500
Health	6,993	7,148	4,795	7,350	11,788	14,498
Law	2,500	3,000	944	2,000	3,444	5,000
Libraries	975	1,125	767	750	1,742	1,875
Miscellaneous	199	375	36,106	39,507	36,305	39,882
Nurses	7,815	10,246	2,245	1,750	10,060	11,996
Pks. Plygds. Rec.	4,788	5,630	1,478	1,770	6,266	7,400
Planning Board	28	100	152	400	180	500
Plumbing Inspector	2,712	2,800	61	125	2,773	2,925
Police Dept.	83,769	100,853	11,108	12,025	94,877	112,878
Public Works	5,738	10,796			5,738	10,796
Engineering	13,967	17,000	1,391	1,350	15,358	18,350
Highway	55,332	70,600	58,733	53,800	114,065	124,400
Sewers	14,084	18,000	10,373	11,200	24,457	29,200
Water	26,719	29,338	81,866	86,300	108,585	115,638
Schools	616,297	733,575	196,679	230,025	812,976	963,600
Sealer W'gts Meas.	1,600	1,600	398	600	1,998	2,200
Selectmen	6,489	6,728	956	1,475	7,445	8,203
Street Lighting			34,605	48,000	34,605	48,000
Town Bldgs.	6,435	7,313	7,429	8,060	13,864	15,373
Town Clerk, Treas.	11,745	12,870	2,370	2,085	14,115	14,955
Veterans			9,821	10,500	9,821	10,500
Welfare	6,000	6,600	91,835	91,500	97,835	98,100
	975,745	1,161,319	781,275	880,211	1,757,020	2,041,530

TAX RATE ESTIMATE

The setting of the actual tax rate is determined by the Assessors after accurate figures are available. In continuing our custom of estimating the tax rate, we are trying to help the townspeople weigh appropriations and not in any way to bind a future decision of the assessors. The actual 1957 rate is determined by the appropriations, estimated receipts, amount of transfer from excess and deficiency, and assessed valuation. None of these factors has been definitely determined as we make our prediction.

Budget (Article 7)		$ 2,041,530.00
Special Articles		230,517.17
Schedule A		86,031.40
		$ 2,358,078.47
Receipts:		
Schedule B	$659,612.26	
Poll Tax	8,000.00	
		$ 667,612.26
Total Expenditures Less Receipts		$ 1,690,466.21
Available Funds to Reduce Tax Rate		24,151.66
Total to be Raised by Taxation		$ 1,666,314.55
Estimated 1957 Valuation		$25,000,000.00

ESTIMATED TAX RATE FOR 1957

$$\frac{\text{Amount to be Raised } \$1,666,314.}{\text{Valuation—}\$25,000.000.} \Big\} \quad \$66. \text{ Per M}$$

	Tax Rate	Valuation	Bond Indebtedness
1956	$56.00	$22,914,142	$2,854,000*
1955	54.00	21,103,547	2,514,000
1954	51.00	19,117,245	2,659,000
1953	45.00	18,026,245	599,000
1952	45.00	16,604,831	639,000
1951	45.00	15,207,665	389,000
1950	41.00	14,089,600	419,000
1949	39.00	13,224,375	429,000
1948	37.00	11,514,325	50,000
1947	37.00	10,469,475	70,000

*Includes $2,300,000. outside Bond Limit.

SCHEDULE A

1957 Assessments and Overlay

County Tax — 1957	$28,713.49
County Tax — 1956 Underestimate	905.99
County Tuberculosis Hospital — 1957	1,693.58
State Recreation Areas — 1957	3,556.80
State Recreation Areas — 1956 Underestimate	1,137.24
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	24.30
	$36,031.40
1957 Overlay	50,000.00
	$86,031.40

SCHEDULE B

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR YEAR 1957

School Aid (Chapters 69-71)	$121,384.24
School (Funds from Income Tax not included)	48,000.00
State Assistance for School Construction, Chapter 645 Acts of 1948	80,000.00
Reimbursement of Acc't of Publicly Owned Land	8,431.21
Income Tax	18,164.31
Business Corporation Tax	42,921.57
Old Age Tax (Meals)	1,998.08
1956 Overestimates	462.85
Motor Vehicle Excise	125,000.00
Licenses and Permits	15,000.00
Court Fines	650.00
General Government (Rents Included)	5,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property	300.00
Health and Sanitation	8,000.00
Charities (other than Federal Grants for Aid to Dependent Children)	7,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants)	35,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,400.00
Libraries	100.00
Water Department	107,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	1,800.00
In Lieu of Taxes	10,700.00
Special Assessments	19,000.00
Housing Authority	1,300.00
	$659,612.26

1956 RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Snow Removal	$ 4,000.00
Election & Registration	1,571.46
Road Machinery Account	1,250.00
Adm. Bldg.—Fence	1,100.00
Drain Pipe—No. Westfield Street	720.10
Town Clerk & Treasurer	686.82
Civil Defense	616.38
Parks & Playgrounds	600.00
Plumbing Inspector	300.00
Fire Dept.	152.00
Collector	100.00
Accounting	50.85
Insurance on Town Vehicles	26.94
	$11,174.55
Unexpended Balance	8,825.45
	$20,000.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Arthur W. Johnson, Chairman	1959
Benjamin S. Bassani, Secretary	1958
Beatrice M. Barker	1957
Francis M. Webler	1957
Phil. V. Hembdt	1958
Hollis F. Kane	1959

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Agawam in said County: Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam, qualified to vote in elections to meet in their respective polling places, viz:

PRECINCT 1—Katherine G. Danahy School
2—Clifford M. Granger School
3—Agawam High School
4—Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church
5—Benjamin J. Phelps School

On Monday, the 18th day of February, 1957 at eight o'clock A. M., then and there to bring in their ballots for the election of officials to the following offices:

A Moderator for one year

One member of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health for three years.

One Town Collector for three years.

One Assessor for three years.

Two members of the School Committee for three years.

One member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years.

One member of the Planning Board for five years.

One Library Trustee for three years.

One Trustee of Whiting Street Fund for two years.

One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

One member of the Parks, Playground and Recreation Commission for three years.

One Tree Warden for three years.

Ten Town Meeting Representatives for each of the five precincts for three years.

Two Town Meeting Representatives for precinct 2 for two years.

And Then and there to bring in their ballots on the following questions:

QUESTION NO. 1.

"Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of Section Nineteen B of Chapter Forty-one of the General Laws and thereby provide permanent tenure for Brandon N. Letellier, the present incumbent in the Office of Town Clerk?"

Yes ————

No ————

QUESTION NO. 2.

"Shall Section Fifty-eight B of Chapter Forty-eight of the General Laws, providing for a forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire departments, be accepted?"

Yes ————

No ————

The polls will open at eight o'clock A. M., and close at eight o'clock P. M.

And to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the auditorium of the High School Building on Saturday, the 2nd day of March, 1957, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose two or more Fence Viewers and two or more Field Drivers.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 3. To see what method the Town will adopt for the support of Public Welfare for the ensuing year. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $20,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. Recommend that the sum of $20,000. be transferred from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow

money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensations of all elective officers of the Town as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, effective from January 1, 1957. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7. To make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year.

Item No.	Average Expended 1953-1955	Expended 1956		Recommended 1957
			I—GENERAL GOVERNMENT — 4.1% of Total	
1	$ 25.	$ 25.	Moderator	$ 25.
			Selectmen:	
2	1,060.	1,200.	Salary: Chairmen	1,200.
3	1,957.	2,200.	Salary: Other members (2)	2,200.
4	2,677.	3,089.	Clerk	3,328.
5			Out of State Travel	225.
6	965.	956.	All Other	1,250.
			Town Accountant:	
7	4,087.	4,587.	Salary	4,888.
8	102.	884.	Clerical	1,450.
9	358.	481.	All Other	525.
			Out of State Travel	
			Town Clerk & Treasurer:	
10	*	6,408.	Salary	6,500.
11	3,051.	3,671.	Asst. Clerk & Treasurer	4,004.
12	205.	1,666.	Clerical	2,366.
13	2,106.	2,370.	All Other	2,085.
			Collector:	
14	4,211.	4,800.	Salary	5,100.
15	3,051.	3,671.	Asst. Collector	4,004.
16	349.	1,600.	Clerical	2,496.
17	2,304.	2,929.	All Other	2,990.
			Assessors:	
18	1,860.	2,100.	Salary: Chairman	2,100.
19	2,393.	3,200.	Salary: Other members (2)	3,200.
20	3,051.	3,671.	Assistant Assessor	4,004.
21	1,929.	3,067.	Clerical	3,472.
22	1,785.	1,724.	All Other	1,850.

Item No.	Average Expended 1953-1955	Expended 1956		Recommended 1957
			Law:	
23	1,667.	2,000.	Salary — Town Counsel	2,000.
24	500.	500.	Salary — Town Prosecutor	1,000.
25	183.	———	Appraisals	700.
26	31.	231.	Damage to Persons & Property	500.
27	850.	713.	All Other	800.
			Election & Registration:	
28	1,080.	1,100.	Salaries — Registrars	1,400.
29	1,386.	3,486.	Salaries — Election Officers	1,400.
30	1,173.	2,268.	All Other	1,500.
			Town Buildings:	
			Administration Building:	
31	3,339.	3,672.	Janitor	4,004.
32	2,479.	2,582.	Clerk	2,859.
33	4,175.	4,607.	Fuel, Light, Telephone	4,900.
34	2,122.	2,590.	All Other	3,350.
			Other Town Buildings:	
35	320.	331.	Feeding Hills Library Repairs	150.
36	247.	81.	All Other	110.
	$ 57,078.	$ 78,460.	Total General Government	$ 83,935.

II—PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY — 10.1% of Total

			Police Department:	
37	66,910.	83,769.	Salaries	100,853.
38	777.	1,259.	Uniforms	1,500.
39	51.	150.	Safety Officer Program	250.
40	44.	78.	Out of State Travel	100.
41	7,656.	9,621.	All Other	10,175.
			Fire Department (Including Fire Warden)	
42	47,657.	57,295.	Salaries	68,010.
43	1,245.	1,499.	Equipment	1,350.
44	255.	100.	Uniforms	288.
45	———	94.	Out of State Travel	100.
46	5,636.	6,170.	All Other	7,385.
			Sealer of Weights & Measures:	
47	1,350.	1,600.	Salary	1,600.
48	487.	398.	All Other	600.
			Tree Warden:	
49	825.	825.	Salary	1,000.
50	2,566.	3,498.	Labor	4,000.
51	999.	1,500.	Equipment Rentals	2,000.
52	1,216.	1,300.	Spraying	1,300.
53	666.	1,000.	Removal of Dutch Elm	1,000.
54	1,166.	1,999.	Tree Planting	2,000.
55	75.	49.	All Other	50.

Item No.	Average Expended 1953-1955	Expended 1956		1957 Recommended
			Gypsy Moth Control:	
56	500.	500.	All Other	500.
			Civil Defense	
57	523.	519.	Clerical	600.
58	3,009.	2,962.	All Other	2,400.
59	104.	23.	Out of State Travel	——
	$143,717.	$176,208.	Total Protec. Persons & Prop.	$207,061.
			III—HEALTH — 1.3% of Total	
60	4,002.	5,805.	Health Agent	5,960.
51	292.	300.	Animal Inspector	300.
62	834.	888.	Slaughter Inspector	888.
63	————	1,643.	Salk Polio Clinic	600.
64	5,372.	3,152.	Hospitals & Other	6,750.
			Town Nurse:	
65	6,886.	7,815.	Salaries	10,246.
66	1,640.	2,245.	All Other	1,750.
	$ 19,026.	$ 21,848.	Total Health	$ 26,494.
			IV—BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS — 14.6% of Total	
67	5,478.	2,896.	Superintendent's Salary	7,800.
68	2,352.	2,842.	Clerk	2,996.
			Highway:	
69	26,383.	26,754.	Maintenance	34,600.
70	16,909.	16,496.	Maintenance Oiling	17,700.
71	2,146.	1,818.	Sidewalk Maintenance	3,000.
72	9,181.	23,406.	Snow Removal	19,700.
73	8,390.	9,706.	Road Machinery Account	10,000.
74	16,487.	13,589.	New Oiling	15,000.
75	1,514.	1,953.	Highway Repairs — Water Dept.	2,000.
76	6,617.	7,179.	Rubbish Collection	8,900.
77	7,504.	13,164.	Garbage Collection	13,500.
			Highway:	
78	4,216.	4,586.	Superintendent	4,888.
79	552.	698.	Clerical	750.
80	33,162.	39,257.	Contract — Water Consumption	45,000.
81	18,359.	15,486.	New Construction	15,000.
82	45,525.	48,558.	All Other	50,000.
			Engineering:	
83	11,061.	13,967.	Salaries	17,000.
84	1,329.	1,391.	All Other	1,350.
			Sewers & Surface Drainage:	
85	21,859.	24,457.	All Other	29,200.
	$239,024.	$268,203.	Total Board of Public Works	$298,384.

Item No.	Average Expended 1953-1955	Expended 1956		Recommended 1957
			V—SCHOOLS — 47.2% of Total	
86			Salaries, Wages & Oper. Expenses	844,550.
87			Heat and Light	37,140.
88	557,446.	812,976.	Transportation	71,310.
89			Building Repairs & Improvements	10,000.
90			Out of State Travel	600.
	$557,446.	$812,976.	Total Schools	$963,600.
			VI—CHARITIES — 4.8% of Total	
			General Relief:	
91	1,167.	1,400.	Salaries	1,600.
92	22,300.	18,339.	Relief	18,000.
93	367.	497.	All Other	500.
			Disability Assistance:	
94	467.	600.	Administration	600.
95	2,945.	5,000.	Relief	2,000.
			Old Age Assistance:	
96	2,574.	2,800.	Administration	3,000.
97	51,455.	55,000.	Relief	55,000.
			Aid to Dependent Children:	
98	994.	1,200.	Administration	1,400.
99	9,000.	13,000.	Relief	16,000.
	$ 91,269.	$ 97,836.	Total Charties	$ 98,100.
			VII—BUILDING DEPARTMENT — .5% of Total	
100	2,015.	4,887.	Salary	4,998.
101	792.	921.	All Other	975.
			Plumbing Inspector:	
102	2,715.	2,712.	Labor	2,800.
103	92.	61.	All Other	125.
			Electrical Inspector:	
104	1,083.	1,500.	Salary	1,500.
105	317.	298.	All Other	400.
	$ 7,014.	$ 10,379.	Total Building Inspectors	$ 10,798.
			VIII—PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND RECREATION — .4% of Total	
106	3,235.	4,788.	Salaries	5,630.
107	1,649.	1,478.	Equipment & All Other	1,770.
	$ 4,884.	$ 6,266.	Total Parks, Plygds. & Rec.	$ 7,400.

Item No.	Average Expended 1953-1955	Expended 1956		1957 Recommended
			IX—LIBRARIES — .1% of Total	
108	775.	975.	Salaries — 3 Trustees	1,125.
109	460.	622.	Fuel and Light	600.
110	129.	145.	All Other	150.
	$ 1,364.	$ 1,742.	Total Libraries	$ 1,875.
			X—MISCELLANEOUS — 16.9% of Total	
111	800.	750.	Cemetery Maintenance	800.
112	218.	216.	Veterans' Graves	222.
113	362.		Rebuilding Cemeteries	400.
114	600.	600.	Annuities	600.
115	75,000.	145,000.	Bond Debt Principal	175,000.
116	34,209.	52,996.	Bond Debt Interest	62,504.
117	———	2,785.	Revenue Loan Interest	5,000.
118	25,913.	34,605.	Street Lighting	48,000.
119	372.	399.	Board of Appeals	600.
120	134.	180.	Planning Board Expense	500.
121	———	59.	Business Development Comm.	500.
122	7,342.	9,821.	Veterans Benefits	10,500.
123	2,322.	1,646.	Unclassified	2,000.
124	129.	627.	Group Insurance	800.
125	376.	380.	Memorial Day	450.
126	5,507.	6,673.	Liability Insurance	7,000.
127	2,842.	2,627.	Town Vehicle Insurance	3,200.
128	15,326.	22,658.	Retirement Contribution	24,387.
129	179.	84.	Dog Law Enforcement	250.
130	133.	200.	Aid to Agriculture	100.
131	17.	———	Foreclosure of Tax Titles	200.
132	665.	706.	Surety Bonds	720.
133	146.	90.	Building Code Committee	150.
	$172,592.	$283,102.	Total Miscellaneous	$343,883.
	$1,293,414.	$1,757,020.	GRAND TOTAL	$2,041,530.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of $40,000.00 for Chapter 90 Construction, a portion of which will be spent on Mill Street, with the understanding that the Town will be reimbursed $20,000.00 by the State, and $10,000.00 by the County. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8. Recommend that the sum of $10,000. be raised and appropriated and $30,000. be transferred from Excess and Deficiency Fund for Chapter 90 construction.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of $10,500.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance work, $3,500.00 of which will be reimbursed to the Town

by the State, and $3,500.00 of which will be reimbursed to the Town by the County. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 9. Recommend that the sum of $3500. be raised and appropriated and $7,000. be transferred from Excess and Deficiency Fund for Chapter 90 Maintenance work.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for School Traffic Officers. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. Recommend that the sum of $5,385. be raised and appropriated for School Traffic Officers.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money toward the purchase of three new cruisers for the use of the Police Department, and to authorize the Police Commissioners to trade in three cruisers to make up the balance of the purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. Recommend that the sum of $4,000. be raised and appropriated toward the purchase of three new cruisers for the use of the Police Department and to authorize the Police Commissioners to trade in three cruisers to make up the balance of the purchase price.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purchase of an Accounting Machine for the office of the Town Treasurer. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. Recommend that the sum of $5,000. be raised and appropriated for the Purchase of an Accounting Machine for the office of Town Treasurer.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the rental and/or purchase of Voting Machines. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. Recommend to pass over.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the payment of bills for previous years not previously submitted. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. Recommend that the sum of $140.17 be raised and appropriated for the payment of bills for previous years.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 42A to 42F inclusive of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended or affected by Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1954, relative to liens for water rates and charges, and to authorize the Treasurer or other officer to file a certificate of such acceptance in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, or do or act in any way relative thereto. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be given to the Safety Council of Western Massachusetts to be used in the School Safety Program. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. Recommend that the sum of $197. be raised and appropriated, said sum to be given to the Safety Council of Western Mass. to be used in the school safety program.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a new heating system in the Feeding Hills Library. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. Recommend that the sum of $1,800 be raised and appropriated to install a new heating system in the Feeding Hills Library.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept Colemore Street, as laidout by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept Maynard Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept Winthrop Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept Raymond Circle, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept Virginia Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept Lexington Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept High Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept Meadow Ave., as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the repair or replacement of the 1955 Chevrolet used by the Town Nurse, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in the 1955 Chevrolet to make up the balance of the purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 26. Recommend that the sum of $850. be raised and appropriated for the repair or replacement of the 1955 Chevrolet used by the Town Nurse.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, or otherwise acquire a parcel of land containing 15 acres, more or less, for school purposes. Said parcel of land is situated on the River Road and assessed to Lilly M. Schwartz and to raise and appropriate $16,000.00 for land damages, purchase price or other costs encurred therefor. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 27. Sufficient information is not available for us to make a recommendation at the time this report is being given to the printer.

Article 28. To hear and act upon the report of the Elementary School Building Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a ½ ton pick-up truck for the Engineering Department, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in the 1952 Chevrolet carry-all to make up the balance of the purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 29. Recommend that the sum of $1,200. be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a ½ ton pick-up truck.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a ¾ ton stake body truck for the collection of garbage, and to authorize the Board

of Selectmen to trade in the 1953 Chevrolet ½ ton pick-up to make up the balance of the purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 30. Reccomend that the sum of $1,200. be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a ¾ ton stake body truck.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purpose of Aerial Mosquito Control. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 31. Recommend that the sum of $2,600. be raised and appropriated for the purpose of Aerial Mosquito Control

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $12,000.00 from available funds for riprap protection on the Westfield River bank for a distance ofapproximately 300 feet northwesterly from the Agawam-West Springfield bridge, with the understanding that $6000.00 will be reimbursed by the State under Chapter 91 of the General Laws. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 32. Recommend that the sum of $6,000. be raised and appropriated and $6,000. be transferred from Excess and Deficiency Fund for riprap protection on the Westfield River bank.

Article 33. To see if the Town will assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 81 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapters 516 and 524, Acts of 1950, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores and shores along a public beach outside the Boston Harbor, including the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers, in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 91 ofthe General Laws, and authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefore to the Commonwealth. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of $26,244.21 for the re-construction of North Street from Letendre Avenue for a distance of approximately 3000 feet west, said sum to be reimbursed by the State under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 34.Recommend that the sum of $26,244.21 be transferred from Excess and Deficiency Fund, the entire amount to be reimbursed by the State.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to pay the sum of $840.61 in overtime pay rather than time off for all regular town police and fire fighters who performed overtime duties during the emergency period in the flood caused by the rains of August eighteenth and nineteenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, said payments to be reimbursed to the Town from State emergency funds as provided in Chapter 366 of the Acts of 1956. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 35. Recommend to pass over.

Article 36. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee appointed to propose a set of "parliamentary procedures" for use in conducting town meetings. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Commission for the improvement of Sheas Field. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 37. Recommend to pass over.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate a sum of money, to transfer a sum of money from the Sale of the Race Track Property, and also transfer a sum of money from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund for completion of the Westfield Intercepting Sewer as per Plan dated October 1954 and 1956. Specifications prepared by Tighe and Bond, Consulting Engineers. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 38. Recommend that the sum of $145,000. be transferred from sale of real estate, $90.00 to be transferred from Post War Rehabilitation Fund and $74,910. be raised and appropriated.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a Sidewalk on Suffield Street beginning at the end of the existing sidewalk on the east side of Suffield Street in vicinity of Stanley Place and extending 1350 feet to the intersection of Cooper and Suffield Streets. Said sidewalk construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 39. Recommend to pass over.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the reconstruction of Federal Street, from Main Street to Cooper Street, a distance of approximately 1500 feet. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 40. Recommend to pass over.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer, the construction of a storm sewer, and highway reconstruction on Fairview Ave. for a distance of approximately 1400 feet. Said Sanitary Sewer construction and storm sewer construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 41. Recommended that the sum of $32,750. be raised and appropriated. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer, the construction of a storm sewer, and highway reconstruction on Federal Street Extension from Cooper Street extending 1450 feet. Said sanitary sewer and storm sewer construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 42. Recommend to pass over.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Broz Terrace beginning at the end of the existing sanitary sewer for a distance of approximately 800 feet. Said sanitary sewer construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 43. Recommend to pass over.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storm sewer on Franklin Street beginning about 1500 feet south of Springfield Street; thence northerly along said Franklin Street to boundary line separating Evangelist from Picchi; thence easterly along said boundary line about 140 feet to a ditch, now a pond. Said storm sewer construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 44. Recommend to pass over.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer and roadway reconstruction on Meadow Street from end of Alhambra Circle North through Ellison Avenue and westerly on Meadow Street for a distance of 4100 feet. Said sanitary sewer construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 45. Recommend to pass over.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the conustruction of a sanitary sewer and roadway reconstruction on South Street beginning at the end of the existing sewer for a distance of 1500 feet west of Suffield Street. Said sanitary sewer construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 46. Recommend that the sum of $21,385. be raised and appropriated. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer and roadway construction on Shoemaker Lane from Suffield Street to Silver Street, a distance of approximately 6000 feet. Said sanitary sewer construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 47. Recommend that the sum of $59,600. be raised and appropriated for construction of approximately 3600 feet of sanitary sewer. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Main Street from the end of the existing sewer southerly as per Plan Dated June 12, 1950 prepared by Tighe and Bond, Consulting Engineers. Said sanitary sewer construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Said sum of money to include construction cost and damages by the purchase or acquisition of land. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 48. Recommend to pass over.

Article 49. To hear and act upon the report of the committee studying the Desirability of Acquiring the Mill Pond Tract for Recreation and Park Facilities. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or taking by eminent domain the so-called Mill Pond Tract, consisting of twenty (20) acres more or less described as follows:

"Starting at a point on the easterly side of Perry Street, said point being one hundred fifty-five and seventy-two hunddredths (155.72) feet from the intersection of the northerly side of Elm Street and the easterly side of Perry Street; thence proceeding North 5° 19′ East for a distance of seven hundred twenty-two and thirty-six hundredths (722.36) feet along the easterly side of Perry Street to a stone bound at land now or formerly owned by Goss; thence South 88° 24′ East along the line of said Goss for a distance of nine hundred thirty-one and eighty-four hundredths (931.84) feet to a point, thence North 18° 20′ West along line of said Goss for a distance of three hundred eighty-four and fifty hundredths (384.50) feet to a stone bound; thence North 58° 01′ 30″ West for a distance of two hundred ten and three one hundredths (210.03) feet to a stone bound; thence North 42° 24′ 30″ West for a distance of fifty and sixty-two one hundredths (50.62) feet to a stone bond; thence North 68° 46′ East for a distance of three hundred and four and twenty-one one hundredths (304.21) feet to a point thence South 1° 17′ 30″ East for a distance of two hundred and twenty-two and seventy-three one hundredths (222.73) feet to a point; thence South 81° 42′ 30″ East for a distance of two hundred seventy-seven and ninety-one one hundredths (277.91) feet to a stone bound; thence South 10° 53′ 30″ East for a distance of two hundred seventy-seven and three one hundredths (277.03) feet to a stone bound; thence North 72° 56′ 30″ East for a distance of forty-seven and fifty-two one hundredths (47.52) feet to a stone bound; thence South 13° 27′ 30″ East for a distance of approximately two hundred twenty-two (222) feet to a point; thence South 63° 35′ 55″ West for a distance of approximately three hundred fifteen (315) feet to a point; thence South 16° 24′ 05″ East for a distance of approximately two hundred two (202) feet to a point; thence South 66° 44′ 30″ West for a distance of three hundred twenty-seven and seventy-three one hundredths (327.73) feet to a point; thence on a deflection of approximately 19° to the West for a distance of one hundred five (105) feet to a point; thence deflecting to the North approximately 23° for a distance of three hundred sixty-three and ten one hundredths (363.10) feet to a point; thence

South 14° 55′ 30″ West for a distance of forty-five (45) feet to a point; thence North 75° 04′ 30″ West for a distance of four hundred twenty-one one hundredths (426.21) feet to the point of beginning."

And to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand ($8,000.00) dollars or any other sum for said purchase or taking. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 50. Recommend to pass over.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five hundred ($7500) dollars or any other sum for the repair and improvement of the Mill Pond Spillway. Pass any vote or take any action thereto.

Article 51. Recommend to pass over.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request State Flood Relief Funds for the reconstruction of the Mill Pond Dike. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to contract for the repair of the Mill Pond Dike and the repair and enlargement of the Mill Pond Spillway, the contracts to be approved by the State Flood Relief Board. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of "standing committees" from among the town meeting members, and to specify the scope of their activities. Pass any vote or take action relative thereto.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum not exceeding $24,151.66 from Available funds for the reduction of the amount to be raised by taxation during the current year. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 55. Recommend that the Assessors be authorized to use the sum of $24,151.66 for the reduction of the amount to be raised by taxation during the current year.

Article 56. To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one in each of the said Post Offices of said Town and one in the Riverview Market in North Agawam, fourteen days at least before the day of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of February, 1957.

WALTER T. KERR
ANDREW C. GALLANO
IRVING R. LA FLEUR
} BOARD OF SELECTMEN